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2025/125 - 'Modern day slavery'

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

1, Number of officers currently serving within your force

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2, Number of officers assigned or posted to teams which primarily (or exclusively) deal with child criminal exploitation (such as county lines).

3, Number of officers assigned or posted to teams which primarily (or exclusively) deal with child sexual exploitation.

14 police officers assigned to a team that exclusively deal with child exploitation (criminal and sexual)

4, Number of officers assigned or posted to teams which primarily (or exclusively) deal with sex trafficking (forced prostitution).

North Wales Police have no team that primarily/exclusively deal with sex trafficking.

You may wish to add a footnote as to how your force deals with these issues of Modern Slavery in terms of staffing and resourcing. I am aware that certain forces have designated county lines teams however other forces may encompass a wider drugs squad which would include county lines activity.

Due to the composition of the policing area, North Wales Police policy is that incidents of modern slavery (which would include sex trafficking) are investigated by a detective usually within CID. North Wales Police have invested heavily in training officers as specialist modern slavery investigators, the training is accredited by the college of policing and delivered over a 4 day course by specialist trainers. There are currently 50 detectives trained as specialist modern slavery investigators, these officers act as specialist advisors to officers who are dealing with a modern slavery investigation and are located evenly across the three geographical divisions and crime services.

The course is run twice per year at North Wales Police HQ and has candidates from other agencies that have staff who work within an investigative capacity with in the modern slavery arena. At the present rate of training North Wales Police's specially trained officers will increase by approximately 20 per year.

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